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The President's Fly Box

Yes, it's hot outside and the water temperatures are near the highs for the year. This can be great for fishing our warm water species and not so good for fishing our cold water species (e.g. trout). Cincinnati is a great area for fishing the warm weather species found in our ponds, lakes, and rivers. Bring a friend and try them out.

My wife and I escaped the heat during the last two weeks as we traveled to upstate Michigan. The sights and weather were very agreeable. We pulled our camper to the shores of Muskegon Bay, Leelanau Lake, and Lake Superior. Three wonderful places to visit. It was not a fishing adventure. So, don't expect fishing stories. However, I look forward to a Michigan fishing trip in my future.

Last month, BUFF hosted our annual picnic. It was well attended and a good opportunity to connect with other members. The August meeting will be another opportunity to connect. Moreover, it promises to showcase great experiences fishing warm water species in remote and urban areas. Our presentation for the evening will be a film, "Summer Haze". I'm betting that it will inspire us to fish our local water.

On a sad note, many of us knew Jeff McElravy and counted him as a friend. Jeff passed away peacefully at the end of June. Many of us who knew Jeff will join his family in the Celebration of Life gathering. If you would like to attend, please read the details in the BUFFER or on our <u>website</u> for more information. It is being held at the Oasis immediately prior to our monthly meeting.

Tight lines and good fishing,

Hugh O'Donnell BUFF President

BUFF August Meeting – Wednesday August 14th

Our monthly meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements start at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation at 7:45 PM. *Online registration closes on Sunday, August 11th*.

August Presentation – The Film "Summer Haze" by Robert Thompson

In Summer Haze, acclaimed film maker Robert Thompson celebrates the rebirth of warm water fly fishing in America's Upper Midwest. Long overshadowed by the cold water attractions of Trout and Salmon in the eyes of the ardent fly angler, warm water species such as Large and Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike and Musky are shown to provide just as much of a challenge, and ultimately just as much fun, as their illustrious cousins. The film intertwines the stories of various enthusiasts and guides based on or around the lakes and rivers of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri, and shows just how diverse the fishing can be. From the urban lake front of



downtown Chicago where Bob Rogers has been fishing for over 30 years but is still bemused by the capricious nature of Lake Michigan's Smallmouth Bass, to the unspoiled wilderness of the Manistee River where Dave Barkman runs a busy tackle shop and is out guiding over 100 days a year. He's adamant that in the warmer summer months you can't beat the excitement you get when a large Northern Pike crashes on to your fly.

Robert Thompson is an Emmy award winning producer, currently living and working in Chicago, IL. He is recognized as one of the most prolific and respected fly fishing film makers over the last decade. A former Michigander, Thompson grew up in the northeast part of the state as an avid fisherman and found his way to a fly rod in 2004. Fly fishing soon became an obsession, and in 2009, he combined his background in film & television and his love for fly fishing to create fly fishing documentaries. His first film "Night of the



Hex" was released in 2010, followed closely by "Musky County" in 2011, "Heart of the Driftless" in 2012, "The River" in 2014, "Spey Daze" in 2017, "Summer Haze" in 2019, "Musky Country Lessons" in 2021, and the latest release "Night of the Hex II", which is a remake of the original 2010 film. All of his films are set in the Midwest and four have been featured in the Fly Fishing Film Tours. Robert's films are characterized by incredible cinematography, slick edits, and telling some interesting and unusual stories that have given viewers a unique insight into some of the lesser known fisheries in the north midwestern USA.

Come and join us on the 14th, for a bit of a different program, but certainly one that is going to be very enjoyable!

August Dinner Menu –

Taco & Fajita Bar

- Spicy Beef & Lemon-Lime Marinated Chicken
- Corn & Flour Tortillas
- Spanish Rice with Scallions
- Toppings onions, peppers, tomatoes, shredded lettuce, jalapenos, black olives, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream
- Tortilla chips
- Chef's Choice Dessert
- Coffee (regular & decaffeinated), Iced Tea

August 10-Minute Tech Talk

Steve Alexander will present on "Fishing Twin Creek". We encourage members to stop by the table during the social hour to learn and join in the conversation with fellow Buffers.

Also, if you have an idea for a fly fishing topic and are interested in presenting it at an upcoming general meeting, please contact Bryan Tudor at 513-827-5437 or by email: byran.tudor@yahoo.com

BUFF Library Reminder –

From: Dave Smith

BUFFERs – While we are not regularly bringing the library boxes to our meetings, **the library remains AVAILABLE**. Finding and checking out a book or video is really easy and is done through the BUFF website.

On the BUFF website home page, click "Member Services" and login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, choose the "Browse the Library" icon to bring up the list of library books and holdings. Click to reserve what you want, and I'll bring it to the next meeting. Returning books is also easy – just bring them to the next meeting. This is an easy-to-use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

New Members in July 2024

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

This past month saw us gain 2 new members Here's the list -

- Todd Byers, Terrace Park, OH
- David Evans, Liberty Township, OH

Welcome to the club. We hope to see you at a meeting or event soon! Check out our activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some!

Jeff McElravy –Join Us in a Celebration of His Life Wednesday, August 14th, 4 PM – 6 PM Oasis Conference Center

By Hugh O'Donnell

BUFF members are invited to attend a Celebration of Life for Jeff McElravy. Jeff passed away on June 30, 2024. He was invested in fly fishing and the people of BUFF. He was a mentor and friend to many in the club. Jeff was also a past president of BUFF, a current director, the recipient of many awards, and current president of the Ohio Council of Fly Fishers International.

Among his many contributions to BUFF, Jeff was active in mentoring veterans through Project Healing Waters and coaching club members on fly casting and tying. He was a mainstay in most club activities including the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show where he was a featured tier at the show in 2020. Jeff will be remembered for his all-around fly fishing



competence, his kindness to others, mentoring, and his exceptional teaching skills.

The Celebration of Life event is on Wednesday, August 14th from 4PM to 6PM at the Oasis Golf and Conference Center located at 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH 45140. If you can, please share your thoughts with Jeff's family at the event (Beth and Jeff, Jr.).

If you plan on attending, please send me an email (odonnellhj@gmail.com) so that we can plan for the approximate number of attendees. This is separate from registering for the regular monthly meeting.

Donations in Jeff's Memory –

Jeff's family asks that those wishing to make a donation in Jeff's memory, do so to the Ohio Chapter of Reel Recovery. Jeff was a cancer survivor and participated in and supported this program. Donations need to be made as checks, payable to "Reel Recovery". Please add "Jeff McElravy / Ohio Chapter" on the memo line. This will direct funds to the Ohio Chapter in recognition of Jeff.

Mail checks to the following address:

Reel Recovery P.O. Box 16193 Rocky River OH 44116

Jeff McElravy – A Club Member We Can All Respect

By Ken Mandel

It is with great sadness that I am writing of Jeff McElravy's passing on June 30th, 2024. Jeff was a friend and colleague to all of us. He was tremendously dedicated and devoted to the club. Jeff had fantastic skills both as an angler and tyer, and greatly enjoyed sharing those and teaching others.

Jeff joined Buckeye United Fly Fishers in 2020. His leadership in Buckeye United Fly Fishers included serving as the BUFF President from 2011 – 2013, and then stepping in as interim President in 2016-17 when the person then serving had to step down. Following this, Jeff remained active as a Board member. Jeff loved opportunities to teach others and was an active participant in BUFF's tying and casting classes. He was active in fly fishing outside of BUFF as well, and was the current President of the Ohio Chapter of Fly Fishers International.

In addition to holding offices in the club and FFI, Jeff initiated and remained involved in many BUFF activities. He was instrumental in getting BUFF involved as a member club of the Project Healing Waters veteran's program, which remained an active part of BUFF for almost 20 years. More recently Jeff and Tom Scheer initiated our "Casting Friends" program as a way to keep members involved and active during the COVID pandemic. Casting Friends continues to meet every week where we work on developing and improving our casting skills.

BUFF clearly recognized Jeff's many contributions. He received the 2013 Fly Fisher of the Year Award, the club's highest award and honor. In 2016 the Board awarded Jeff "Lifetime Membership", and at our most recent banquet, he received the Ken Dixon Fly Tying Award.

If there is one characteristic to highlight, it was Jeff's enjoyment in teaching others, whether it be casting, tying or working on fishing techniques. Bob Gustafson shared a memory of a club trip he and Wendy participated in, to Laurel Creek in North Carolina. Wendy was standing on the bank puzzling over how to approach the stream. Jeff noticed and stopped fishing to figure out what she needed. She asked, "Are you about to teach me something?" He laughed and said, "yes, if you want". She did and he took the time to help her. Typical Jeff! Haruko and I have a similar memory of Jeff spending a full day with each of us, at our first trip to Sunnybrook (which we joined at his urging), teaching us casting and fishing techniques. He called Sunnybrook his 'school', and it was.





Jeff instructing at a Fly Tying Class

Classic Jeff with a trout on his fly at Sunnybrook



Jeff at last year's Camp Buffalo Bill Trip

If you look at the cover of our updated club brochure, the photograph of the angler is indeed Jeff! It is a great one – his arm and hand up near his ear and the fly rod moving forward in a near-perfect cast. I think it was taken at Sunnybrook Trout Club. Jeff is a unique and special person. He is someone we can all look up to, and he is missed.

Get Active in BUFF – Positions and Opportunities –

By Ken Mandel

At our monthly meetings, Hugh O'Donnell always reminds us that we are a volunteer organization. We rely on volunteers to take positions on our Board, help and/or lead/organize trips and outings, become involved with the planning and execution of our annual banquet and fly fishing show. To put it plainly, without volunteers the club cannot work! We currently have several needs which need to be filled. Some have been open for quite a while. These are listed below.

Open Board Positions–

Web Master. We've written about needing a person to fill Don Kail's role several times. This is an urgent need as Don moved to Tennessee over a year ago, to be closer to his family. While Don still provides support, it is difficult being remote. The person who takes on this role, will work closely with David Fraley, our Communications Director. Dave has been filling some of the roles of webmaster, but is not an expert in this arealf you have skills in this area, please reach out to Hugh O'Donnell (odonnellhi@gmail.com) or any other BUFF Board member regarding your interest.

Co-Chair for Program Planning. This position also opened Blayne Smith, has relocated away from Cincinnati. This person will work with Dolph Greenberg to recruit presenters for our monthly meetings. Roles include *i*) working with club members to identify potential presenters at club meetings, *ii*) contacting and scheduling presenters, *iii*) managing the budget, and *iv*) introducing speakers at monthly meetings. Getting on board now is perfect opportunity to learn as most presentations into the 2025 calendar are already scheduled. If interested, reach out Dolph Greenberg (greenbam@miamioh.edu) for more information.

Director for Club Education. Jim Vota currently holds this position and has indicated that he is stepping step down. The education Director plans and organizes our club's instructional activities, including our annual Fly Fishing 101, fly casting courses,. There can be other opportunities to organize instructional programs as well. Being the Education Director does not mean you are solely responsible for teaching skills, as we have several club members who volunteer for these activities. If interested, contact Jim Vota (vota@zoomtown.com) for more information.

2025 Fly Fishing Show Team –

The Fly Fishing Show Team is looking for a person to help with AV at the show. Scott Biser leads this effort, but needs help with the multiple events on the days of the show. We have scheduled events having AV needs on the Friday prior (Jan 31st) and the Saturday of the show (Feb 1st). If you have possible interest please contact Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com, 513-675-8488) or Tom Bachey (h2oguy@fuse.net, 513-543-4056), the Fly Fishing Show Planning Team coleaders.

Fishing on the Cumberland with Jim Sauerheber

By Ken Mandel & Jim Vota



On July 18th, we had a pleasant and successful day fishing the Cumberland River tailwaters with Jim Sauerheber of Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing. Jim is an excellent guide, and put us on a lot of trout, including several over 18" long. We landed rainbows, browns, and a few good sized brook trout. We both probably had at least 20-30 nice sized trout in the net over the course of the day.

The area we fished was the tailwater below

Wolf Creek Dam, the huge dam that forms Lake Cumberland. Wolf Creek Dam is a hydroelectric generator, and on the day we fished, their schedule was to open two generators at 8 AM. To avoid high water, we got on the river at 6 AM. It was absolutely beautiful with a low mist on the water. The Cumberland is large and deep, and when the dam is releasing water, it gets even deeper, and does so quickly. We are talking about a change of a few to several feet in depth. If wading, one needs to be cautious and aware of the generation schedule. We were in a boat!

Our goal was to stay ahead of the increase in flow and depth for as long as possible. Jim explained at our starting point that water flow would arrive at about 9:30 AM. His plan was to drift and motor down river to stay ahead of it for as long as possible. The increase in water is not very apparent. It is not a wave, but a gradual increase that we mostly noticed as an increase in current. If you know the river banks, you can see the change. By about 2 PM, the increase in flow and depth, bright sun-lit conditions, and warmth had slowed fishing, and we headed off the river. This required about a 30 min run up-river to return to the launch point. Still, we had a full day on the water. It was about 3 – 3:30 when we were back at our car to drive back to Cincinnati. It's about a 4-hr drive.

Jim's boat has jet propulsion, which enables him to move up and down the river. We motored upstream from our launch point for about 30 minutes to our starting point, which was the closest we were to the dam. Having a motor was also advantageous when we'd hit a hot spot, as Jim would motor us back upstream to fish it again, usually picking up more fish

We mostly used our own 5-wt 9-foot rods, which were perfect for the fishing and conditions. Mostly we used 4X tippet, though Ken had one large rainbow in the net on 5X





and lost another. Flies were classic patterns, typically a size-14 Pheasant Tail Nymph with a size-16 Zebra Nymph below it. Jim would adjust an indicator to get the flies to correct depth. Toward the later afternoon, Jim substituted an Egan's Red Dart for the Pheasant Tail on Ken's rod, and he had a couple of takes on that. Casting was simple and straight-forward; we both primarily roll cast most of the day, fishing two lanes off the sides of the boat. That seemed to impress our guide! Several times, we both had fish on at the same time.



Jim Sauerheber is an excellent guide and knows the river well. Fishing technique is straight forward, and Jim gave us excellent advice and pointers for fishing the river. He enjoys working with anglers and teaching. Both of us would enjoy fishing with him again, and highly recommend going out with him. Fishing the Cumberland with Jim could be an excellent opportunity for someone who is relatively new to fly fishing, or for someone who does not want to wade. You do not need waders (we left ours in the car), as the boat is dry and getting in and out is easy.

With an early start to the day, we drove down the afternoon before and stayed at Union Chapel Lodge, which is a converted elementary school. The owners live there and have 2 rooms they

rent out. It was interesting, very reasonable, and the room was very nice. They do a lot of business with Jim, so booking and making arrangements was simple.

Jim has presented at BUFF meetings, and is a regular exhibitor/vendor at the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. If interested, you can contact Jim at www.cumberlandvalleyflyfishing.com. Information on lodging options is on the website as well.

Cincinnati Parks Outdoor Expo Event

On Saturday, July 20th, several BUFF members volunteered to help with fly tying and casting instruction at Winton Woods Park as part of Cincinnati Park's Outdoor Expo Event. The event ran from 9 AM – 3 PM. There were numerous exhibitors, mostly local clubs and agencies, promoting outdoor activities. The event was well attended, and we had a good level of interest.

Our spot was on the lake-front, next to an area where Cincinnati Parks provided spin rods and bait for fishing. That probably helped us in getting folks who expressed interest in what we were doing with the



strange equipment and casting techniques. We offered casting demonstration and instruction, and demonstrated fly tying. We had 5 rods set up, and there were a few times when we had all five in the hands of interested anglers. These were our new club rods and they are very nice and easy casting rods.

We thank our volunteers - Tim Cassani, Bill Krimmer, Ken Mandel, Haruko Mizoguchi, Harry Pass, & Bill Schroeder.





Some Items of Interest Fly Tying Thread Basics

Tying thread is a fundamental material for tying any fly. Threads come in different brands, materials, sizes and strengths. This past month J Stockard Fly Fishing, an on-line source for a range of fly fishing and tying equipment and supplies had a nice blog about threads. They also have a very good table on their website, which compares the properties of different threads. It's a useful tool for anyone who is into tying, or learning to tie.



The most common thread materials are nylon, polyester and gel-spun polyethylene (GSP).

Both nylon and polyester are strong, but nylon has more ability to stretch and is less likely to break under tension. GSP is very strong and has the highest breaking strengths among tying threads. You

really cannot break it, and need to cut it with scissors. There are also silk tying threads.

Thread is usually sized either by "denier" or "aught" (0) size. Denier is a textile industry convention. The denier number is the gram-weight of 9,000 meters of that thread. The lighter the thread, the lower the denier number. With Aught (0) size, the more '0's" the finer the thread. Hence 8/0 thread is smaller than 6/0. Unfortunately, and as shown in the comparison table, there is





not good consistency between Aught and Denier valuations, especially between different manufacturers.

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Brand	Thread	Material	Size	Denier	Strength		Brand	Thread	
Size 20 and Smaller Files							Siz	o 10	
Danville	Spider Web	nylon mono	18/0	30	4] [Danville	3/0 Mono	Т
Semperfli	Nano Silk 24/0	4 strand GSP	24/0	20		1 [Semperfli	6/0 Classic Waxed	
Semperfli	Nano Silk 18/0	4 strand GSP	18/0	30	95] [UNI	6/0 Waxed	Τ
Semperfli	Spyder 18/0	polyester	18/0	30	14	1 [VEEVUS	GSP 100	Г
Semperfli	18/0 Classic Waxed	polyester	18/0	30	13.7] [Wapsi	Ultra 140	Г
UNI	<u>Caenis</u>	single strand	20/0	20	3	1 1	Wapsi	Ultra GSP 75	
UNI	Trico	polyester	17/0	40	4-5	1 [Wapsi	Ultra GSP 100	T
UNI	Clear Mono-fine	nylon mono			16] j		Large file	is al
VEEVUS	14/0	polyester	14/0		16] [Danville	Flymaster+	Т
VEEVUS	16/0	polyester	16/0		14	1 1	Danville	Flat Waxed Nylon	\vdash
VEEVUS	GSP 30	GSP*		30	>25	1 1	Danville	Flymaster+140	T
	 	Size 10-22 Files, low b	ulk			1 1	Semperfli	Nano Silk 6/0	
Danville	Unwaxed Flymaster	nylon	6/0	79	16	1 1	Semperfli	3/0 Classic Waxed	T
Danville	Waxed Flymaster	nylon	6/0	79	16	1 1	UNI	Big Fly	
G. Griffiths	14/0 Sheer Ultrafine	polyester	14/0	72	10-16	1 1	UNI	3/0 Waxed	Т
Semperfli	Nano Silk 12/0	4 strand GSP	12/0	50	126	1 [UNI	Nylon 210	
Semperfli	12/0 Classic Waxed	polyester	12/0	70	17.25	1 1	UNI	UnDer Body	Т
UNI	Waxed Midge	polyester	8/0	72	16-19	1 1	VEEVUS	GSP 150	
UNI	Nylon 70	nylon		70	15	1 1	VEEVUS	GSP 200	Г
VEEVUS	10/0	polyester	10/0		25	1 1	VEEVUS	Kevlar Natural	
VEEVUS	12/0	polyester	12/0		17	1 1	Wapsi	Ultra GSP 200	Г
Wapsi	Ultra 70	nylon	6/0	70	13-16	1 `			
	Size 10-22	files, low bulk plus I	ligh strongth			1			
Semperfli	8/0 Classic Waxed	polyester	8/0	105	26.5	1			
VEEVUS	6/0	polyester	6/0		>32	1			
VEEVUS	8/0	polyester	8/0		>32	1			
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 50	GSP		50	64	1			

Brand	Thread	Material	Size	Denier	Strength**	
Size 10-20 files, high strength						
Danville	3/0 Mono	nylon	3/0	115	>25	
Semperfli	6/0 Classic Waxed	polyester	6/0	150	33	
UNI	6/0 Waxed	polyester	6/0	130-135	29-33	
VEEVUS	GSP 100	GSP		100	>100	
Wapsi	Ultra 140	nylon		140	33-44	
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 75	GSP		75	98	
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 100	GSP		100	128	
Large flies and other high strength needs						
Danville	Flymaster-	nylon		230	60	
Danville	Flat Waxed Nylon	nylon		210	65	
Danville	Flymaster+140	nylon		140		
Semperfli	Nano Silk 6/0	4 strand GSP	6/0	100	134	
Semperfli	3/0 Classic Waxed	polyester	3/0	220	39.3	
UNI	Big Fly	polyester		400	100	
UNI	3/0 Waxed	polyester	3/0	213-220	32-40	
UNI	Nylon 210	nylon		210	53	
UNI	UnDer Body	stretch nylon		630		
VEEVUS	GSP 150	GSP		150	>150	
VEEVUS	GSP 200	GSP		200	>200	
VEEVUS	Kevlar Natural	Kevlar		200		
Wapsi	Ultra GSP 200	GSP		200	>250	

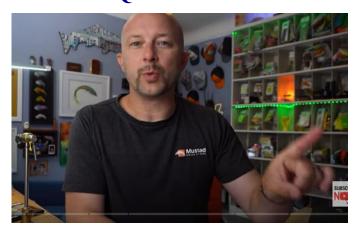
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Definitions & Notes: Denier (textile industry convention) - gram weight of 9,000 meters of thread. Size is by aughts (0), an older, less accurate definition with the more '0's' indicating finer thread. GSP denotes gel-spun polyethylene. Strength is defined as breaking strength in ounces. This data was collected from several public sources. We have done our best to provide accurate information and welcome updates and corrections.

A full size version of the above table can be downloaded as a pdf file for free from the J Stockard website. They have other tables as well for hook size and style and bead sizing to fit hook sizes. Here is the website for the download of the thread table:

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0639/3377/6101/files/JSFF-thread-comparison-chart.pdf

Brian Wise Q & AVideo



Brian Wise is one of our invited tyer for the 2025 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025. He will also lead our hands-on tying workshops on Friday, January 31st. He recently recorded a "Q and A" You-Tube video in which he asked tyers to send him any questions they had related to tying, and he'd discuss and answer them. It's about a 15 minute video, and offers a good opportunity to get to see him, and listen to him discuss tying. It's

interesting, he keeps it light, and its also a lot of fun! Here's the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd5O9WrHquE

Brian has a large collection of videos on tying which can be found by searching 'flyfishingtheozarks'. They are instructive, often introduce new and novel materials and ways to tie, and generally a lot of fun. Check them out!

How Long a Leader is the Right Length?

This question was a topic of discussed on recent a Midcurrent Fly Fishing Blog. The brief answer, as are many answers to fly fishing questions, is, 'it depends'. The article focuses on setting leader lengths for trout fishing. Generally, a 9- to 12-foot leader and tippet is considered to be the 'sweet spot' for trout fishing. But this will change depending on conditions and types of flies being used. A 9- to 12-foot leader/tippet generally works well for dry flies or dry-dropper combinations. Fishing waters which are very clear and/or where fish are very 'spooky' can require even longer leaders. From personal experience, I have at times fished 16-foot leaders on the Au Sable River. However, a longer leader also requires that the anger have good casting skills, or you'll spend a lot of time taking out tangles and knots – been there done that! Windy conditions or fishing streamers uses a shorter leader and tippet, and perhaps a heavier leader as well, both to better cast a stream and/or manage casting with wind. Euronymphing is completely different, using only a short length of leader (2 – 4 feet) and a much longer (8 – 14 feet) tippet.

It was an interesting article, and there is a lot more in it. Here's the link - <a href="https://midcurrent.com/techniques/ask-midcurrent-leader-and-tippet-length-for-trout/?utm_source=MidCurrent+Fly+Fishing+Email+Newsletter&utm_campaign=db62d942f8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_04_24_12_46_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-34fda8134e-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_8efbf3b958-db62d942f8-42992413&mc_cid=db62d942f8&mc_eid=e2b8fc2655

The 10 Best Trout Rivers in the US.

My final item of interest is a video by Spencer Durant from Venture Fly Company. It is his review and listing of what he considers the 10 best trout streams in the US. Spencer first describes 4 general criteria he used in selecting the rivers in his listing. These are that the rivers provide: 1) a good overall fishing experience (fun, scenic, multiple species of trout, etc.), 2) great hatches to provide different fishing opportunities in different seasons, 3) not requiring a float plane trip for access, and, 4) publically accessible for wading and boating. For the latter we are unfortunately finding more and more prime waters where residents restrict access to both waders and boaters on the river by claming private property and establishing restrictive trespass laws. All the rives in the list are accessible to wade- and boat-fishing.

TOP 10 TROUT RIVERS					
#10	Delaware River	#5	Au Sable River		
#9	White River	#4	Deschutes River		
#8	South Platte River	#3	Yellowstone River		
#7	Firehole River	#2	SF of the Snake River		
#6	Madison River	#)	Green River		

The Delaware River includes other tributaries and streams in the NY Catskill region. For the Green, he specifically notes it is the section in Utah from Flaming Gorge to its confluence with the Colorado. Spencer added 2 rivers for 'honorable mentions – The Bighorn and the Missouri Rivers.

Here is a link to the video. It's almost 1 hr long, which is long and tiresome, but the discussion of the best rivers is the first 25 minutes. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF0z8fXpUAQ

BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish

Greg Cargill is a newer member, having joined BUFF a few months ago. Here is the first fishing photo he has submitted – a really nice rainbow trout that he caught on a fishing trip in Colorado. Thank you Greg and we look forward to seeing more like this!



Sam Hanna was up in the remote wilds of Canada. Remote is the word, as he flew into Edmonton, took a smaller plane to a regional airport and then a float plane to the fishing camp. Here is a trophy pike he caught! He said it was 41", but it looks larger.

Remember, if you get out to fish, please send photos and where you were fishing to kengmandel@gmail.com, and I'll get it into an upcoming BUFFER. It's a great way share information and locations with the club!



Upcoming BUFF Activities

As we move into the Winter months, our outdoor activities have largely ended for the year. However, check the website and watch for e-mails for indoor classes activities which become available!

In-person activities require registration (online on club Website)

Trip/Activity & Location	<u>Dates</u>	Trip /Activity Coordinator
After-Work Fishing	Thursday, August 8 th	Cari Vota
Little Miami River	6:00 PM – Dusk	
Milford, OH	Register & Waiver on Website	
Jeff McElravy Celebration of	Wednesday, August 14 th	
Life	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Oasis Conference Center	Please e-mail Hugh O'Donnell if	
Loveland, OH	planning to attend	
BUFF Monthly Meeting	Wednesday, August 14 th	Hugh O'Donnell
Oasis Conference Center	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	
Loveland, OH	Sign up on Website	
Fly Tying Guild	Friday, August, 16 th	Gary Begley
Virtual – Zoom Mtg	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	
	See Website for Link	
BUFF BOD Meeting	Wednesday, August 21st	Hugh O'Donnell
Springdale Community Ctr	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	
Springdale, OH		

Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.

